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Good Afternoon

The proposed additional 1500 houses under the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 will basically mean that Thurmaston, Syston, Barkby and Queniborough will be linked in one urban mass to Leicester. Some of the proposed building sites are 'areas of separation' and 'green wedge land' that were designed to prevent this from happening. These towns and villages will lose their individual identity and suffer from huge increases in traffic and congestion.

In an age of unprecedented and increasing climate change, Charnwood Council (and all councils) should be increasing green spaces and advocating and prioritising planting far more trees and hedgerows, not destroying them. Most housing developers just want to cram as many houses on to land as possible for maximum profit with little or no regard for wildlife habitats. Also, many of the proposed houses will be built on the floodplain, increasing the flooding risk for the area.

Even in this day and age, wildlife and their habitats always seem to be at the bottom of the agenda. Wildlife that lives in these green spaces is already under pressure, where will it go when further habitat is destroyed?

I understand the need for more housing, but I think that this area of Barkby and Barkby Thorpe is already taking far more than their fair share of new housing with the Thorpebury 4500 houses. Why are brownfield sites not considered for housing instead of green spaces?

I feel very saddened, frustrated and disappointed that this amount of extra housing is being considered for this area and think that the proposals should be withdrawn.

Kind Regards

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